



Matt Stevens is the Chief Executive Officer of The Honor Foundation (THF). He is a former Navy SEAL Captain with 30 years of executive leadership experience. He has a significant history developing and leading high-performing teams conducting our nation's most sensitive missions, cultivating interagency and delicate business relationships, and executing dynamic plans in complex situations. He is a strategic thinker, articulate communicator, agile decision-maker and catalyst for transformation.

Matt transitioned from active duty to the private sector in July 2017 after 26 years on active duty. In his first role out of uniform, he served as the Vice President of Strategy & Business Development at CyPhy Works, the global leader in the persistent tethered drone industry from 2017-2019.

He is a graduate of THF's transition program and led the formation of THF's Special Operations Forces (SOF) Advisory Board. He began his service on THF's Board of Directors in February 2018. He is passionate about THF's mission of serving his fellow SOF veterans as demonstrated by his tireless support to the organization, both in and out of the classroom.

Matt graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1991 with a B.S. in Ocean Engineering; completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training with class 179 in 1992; and served junior officer tours at SEAL Team FOUR (Assistant Platoon Commander), SEAL Team EIGHT (Platoon Commander), SEAL Delivery Team TWO (Platoon Commander), and Naval Special Warfare Development Group (Troop Commander).

In 2000, CAPT (ret) Stevens was selected for duty at Naval Special Warfare Development Group (NSWDG) where he served as a Troop Commander, Squadron Executive Officer and Squadron Commander - completing numerous combat deployments. From 2008-2010, he served as the Commanding Officer of SEAL Team TWO where he commanded a Joint Task Force in Baghdad, Iraq. From 2012-2014, he served as the Commanding Officer of Naval Special Warfare Unit THREE in Bahrain, which was dual-hatted as the Commander,

Joint Special Operations Task Force – Gulf Cooperation Council. From 2014-2016, he served as the Commodore of Naval Special Warfare Group FOUR, the proponent for all Naval Special Warfare Maritime Surface Mobility.

His staff tours include service in the Operations Directorate of the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, NC; Naval Special Warfare Group TWO as the Director of Operations; and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) in the Pentagon.

He has completed the U.S. Army Light Leader's Course and the U.S. Army's Special Qualification Course (class 3-93). Additionally, he has a master's degree from the USMC Command and Staff College.

His service decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, six Bronze Star Medals (one with "V"), three Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, two Combat Action Ribbons, and several campaign ribbons.

Matt has been married for 24 years and has three wonderful children.